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FPPC weighs rules for University of California conflict-of-interest codes and researchers

The Fair Political Practices Commission on Thursday (May 12) will consider adoption of regulations affecting conflict-of-interest codes at the University of California and the Legislature. The commission will also weigh a new rule affecting political party committees.

The meeting begins at 9:45 a.m. in the commission's eighth-floor hearing room at 428 J St. (Fifth and J Streets) in Sacramento.

Public officials disclose their financial interests as required by the conflict-of-interest codes of their respective state and local agencies. Codes adopted by state agencies are reviewed and approved by the FPPC (as the "code-reviewing body") consistent with the state Administrative Procedures Act. However, certain state agencies, such as the University of California and the state Legislature, are not subject to the Administrative Procedures Act. As a result, these agencies and FPPC staff have developed special procedures for enacting those conflict codes and changes to those codes. The FPPC will consider adopting a formal regulation specifying these special procedures. At the same time, the FPPC will look at the procedures used to apply the special disclosure and disqualification rules covering certain university researchers. (Agenda item #6)

In other business, FPPC staff will propose a new regulation that would affect California political party committees and answer questions that have arisen over the past year on the often complex interaction between the state and federal laws governing these committees. The rule would specify the application of contribution limits, allocation of contributions and expenditures, and the reporting of campaign receipts and expenditures. (Agenda item #9)

Other proposed regulatory actions and a variety of enforcement cases will also be considered at Thursday's meeting.

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